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Mr. Donald Phillips  
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Phillips:

As you requested, the Working Group on Information (WGI) for the Subcommittee on Commercial Launch Services recently completed its review of the APStar-2 and EchoStar commercial launch competitions, both won by the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1993. The WGI also reviewed the contract for the relaunch of the Optus B-2 satellite, now known as the Optus B-3. The findings and preliminary recommendations of the WGI are summarized in the enclosed report, which incorporates information obtained from the PRC delegation during the November 1993 consultations, as well as the results of additional research conducted since that time.

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Frank C. Weaver*

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Enclosure